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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was fully steady in the West, steady in the Midwest, and mostly about steady in the East. Retail demand was slow to fair with limited buyer interest. Food service was slow to fairly good with best movement into fast food and restaurants. Supplies were irregular, but overall available to cover trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was light and selective. Dark meat was sufficient with thighs more available, breast items and wings were at least adequate and at times reduced to help move. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to light, mostly desirable.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .25 cents to 67.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 64.25 cents last year on July 17, 2002.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	201.00
BREASTS - B/S	191.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	101.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	76.00
LEG QUARTERS	30.50
WINGS	71.50

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**SOUTHERN** Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was fair to moderate with mixed trading. Supplies were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, dark meat was balanced to close with thighs more available, breast items and wings were at least adequate or obtainable. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST** Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was generally fair at best during midweek trading. Offerings of the 2.5 to 3 pound birds remained available. The larger sizes were at least sufficient. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate to available. Dark meat cuts were sufficient, with thighs occasionally noted in the longer position. Wings were adequate to fully adequate.

**MIDWEST** The trade sentiment on whole broiler/fryers was mostly steady. Offerings of light weight Wogs and whole fryers limited, moderate on heavier product. Trade interest was negligible and cautious. Retail movement was slow to light with lackluster consumer traffic noted. Food service trade remained irregular, slow to fairly good, best into restaurant operations. Floor stocks were adequate to plentiful with receivers cautious and watchful of inventory levels. Weights desirable. Market activity on parts was limited to immediate needs only with very light trade interest. Offerings of jumbo wings and boneless/skinless breasts plentiful at discounted price levels, regular wings and drums close to short, and dark cuts adequate. The market tone was mostly steady overall with cautiously steady to barely steady undertone on boneless/skinless breasts and weak on jumbo wings.

**WESTERN** The market tone was fully steady. Offerings of small sized whole body product in good balance with heavier weights adequate. Demand was generally good best where retail ads and fast food promotions in progress. Floor stocks in fairly good balance to cover immediate needs.

### CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE	
WEEK ENDING 07/12/03	2003	2002
EGGS SET	205,198	209,239
CHICKS PLACED	169,360	168,933
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### BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 205 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 12, 2003. This was down 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier. Broiler

### CHICKS PLACED UP SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 12, 2003. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through July 12, 2003 were 4.71 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 23-Aug-03 IS ESTIMATED AT 156.8 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 158.1 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 160.0 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 162.7 MILLION HEAD AND THE COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 55.55 CENTS PER POUND.

JULY 15, 2003

## SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JULY 16, 2003

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	893	150.00-234.00	155-159	156.76
TENDERLOINS	210	135.00-211.00	140-145	150.12
BREAST - LINE RUN	76	92.00-110.00	93-95	94.37
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	88	32.50-47.00	-	33.82
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	589	23.50-27.00	24-25	24.28
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	776	25.50-32.00	27-28	28.29
WINGS (WHOLE)	276	54.00-76.00	-	72.17
WINGS (CUT)	396	71.00-82.00	76-78	76.21
DRUMSTICKS	68	47.00-58.00	-	48.29
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	885	152.00-235.00	154-157	161.73
TENDERLOINS	262	135.00-211.00	141-145	166.88
BREAST - LINE RUN	51	87.00-109.00	88-92	91.90
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	103	29.00-47.00	30-31	32.72
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	645	24.00-27.00	24-25	24.51
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,018	25.00-33.00	27-28	27.33
WINGS (WHOLE)	276	54.00-76.50	-	72.53
WINGS (CUT)	510	71.00-81.00	74-77	75.93
DRUMSTICKS	111	42.00-60.00	-	45.19
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	105	63.00-82.00	-	74.62

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F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
51.00 - 54.50	52.27	51.00 - 54.50	52.53	52.23

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

## NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was mostly fair during midweek trading as dealers remained cautious and unaggressive. Offerings of breast items were at least sufficient. Dark meat cuts were generally adequate with thighs noted as slightly more available at some locations. Wings were adequate to fully adequate. Retail movement was about fair. Distributive draw was light and selective. The market tone was no better than steady.

\*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES JULY 15, 2003

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	165	167.73	656,770
TENDERLOINS	140	137.76	173,364
BREAST - WITH RIBS	85-86	88.43	258,680
BREAST - LINE RUN	85	84.82	111,200
LEGS	37-38	37.21	251,160
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	25-26	26.96	504,621
DRUMSTICKS	33-34	37.99	118,670
THIGHS	28-29	37.65	95,370
B/S THIGHS	69-70	74.16	99,470
WINGS (WHOLE)	64-65	65.76	203,590
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.18	29,920
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	27.51	15,465
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35-40	39.91	32,080

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	165	166.04	418,040
TENDERLOINS	140	138.66	105,600
BREAST - WITH RIBS	85-86	89.64	222,920
BREAST - LINE RUN	85	87.49	91,800
LEGS	37-38	37.65	293,800
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	25-26	27.08	382,305
DRUMSTICKS	33-34	40.50	92,710
THIGHS	28-29	38.05	59,100
B/S THIGHS	69-70	76.05	50,500
WINGS (WHOLE)	63-64	69.25	171,070
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.42	76,840
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	26.36	11,680
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35-40	40.34	27,400

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INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

## ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	07/16	07/15	07/14	07/11	07/09
ALA	4,118	4,146	4,071	4,391	5.26
ARK	5,042	5,051	5,013	5,618	5.00
DELMARVA	2,279	2,320	2,237	2,293	5.37
KY-LA-TN	1,832	1,831	1,787	2,224	4.83
MISS	2,857	3,038	3,040	3,095	5.40
NC	2,595	2,668	2,610	2,659	6.07
TEXAS	2,478	2,474	2,467	2,465	5.08
TOTAL	21,201	21,528	21,225	23,002	5.27
MON-WED 64,412 (A)					5.11
					21,325
					5.28

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 7/16 is estimated to be 31,719,000 down 0.9 percent from a week ago and down 1.6 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,000,000; last year 32,251,000)

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	90-96
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	63
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

## SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

## DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	99-101
	DRY PACK	106-107
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-105
	DRY PACK	113
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	91-98
	DRY PACK	-
DUCKS		155-166

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 19-JUL-03

	CURRENT WEEK 07/19/03 (1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 07/12/03
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	162,640 (2)	170,164
LT HENS	1,244	1,307
HVY HENS	1,698	1,583
CHECK TOTAL	165,582	173,054

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 19-Jul-03 is 160.8 million head compared to 161.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 163.0 million head or 2.2 million more than estimated available. For week of 26-Jul-03 the estimated available is 162.6 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)**

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 07/14/03	212,645	58,070
AM 07/01/03	206,919	57,844
CHG	5,726	266
PCT CHG	3	0

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)**

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	7/14/03	7/08/03	7/15/02	7/14/03	7/08/03	7/15/02
PACIFIC						
COAST	15,614	15,559	26,127	7,233	6,976	4,898
LOS ANGELES	142	126	353	2,636	2,792	3,297

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF JULY 14, 2003

		RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	58-64
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	62-79

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

	LOW HIGH AVG			FOR 7/15/03		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.40	.95	.54	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	90	-	BANTAMS ea.	1.00	2.75
BROILERS lb.	.35	.60	.49	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.50	2.50
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	4.50	6.00
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.00	4.50
ROOSTERS lb.	.90	1.25	1.07	ROOSTERS ea.	-	6.00
GEESE lb.	.45	.55	.48	GEESE ea.	-	3.50
TURKEYS lb.	-	.35	-	TURKEYS ea.	4.00	8.00
DUCKS lb.	.25	.60	.38	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	1.00	2.00	1.27	RABBITS ea.	1.75	3.00
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.00	3.50
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	5.00	6.00
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	.50	1.50
GUINEA KEETS ea.	.50	1.00	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	2.00	8.50
SILKIES ea.	1.50	2.00	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	2.25	2.50	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-

TOTAL COOPS 182

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending July 11, 2003

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks, & Wings	Back Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	57.47	130.61	91.43	13.06	13.06	60.95
High	61.82	139.32	95.78	17.41	17.41	60.95
Mostly	60.08	130.61	91.43	13.06	17.41	60.95

**SAN JUAN**

Low	57.03	130.61	87.07	13.06	13.06	63.13
High	60.95	139.32	95.78	17.41	17.41	63.13
Mostly	59.64	130.61	87.07	13.06	13.06	63.13

**NEW SAN JUAN**

Low	57.47	130.61	87.07	8.71	13.06	63.13
High	61.39	139.32	95.78	17.41	17.41	63.13
Mostly	60.08	130.61	91.43	13.06	17.41	63.13

**BECERRA**

Low	57.90	130.61	91.43	13.06	13.06	63.13
High	61.82	139.32	95.78	17.41	17.41	63.13
Mostly	60.08	139.32	91.43	17.41	17.41	63.13

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to cook whole birds was light and unaggressive. Seller offerings were adequate to ample and were more readily available on the lighter weight sizes. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to light. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 59 to 68 cents. Trade sentiment remained no better than steady. In the parts complex, drums continued to clear well, closely followed by legs and leg quarters. Other items were at least adequate for a somewhat lackluster activity and premiums were often reduced to stimulate buyer interest.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	55-71
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	62.07
NO. OF BOXES	7,075

\*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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